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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

GUNDLACH, HARALD

Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 April 2005.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Amendment

1. Acknowledgement is made of the Request for Continue Examination and Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. 1.131 (Affidavits) filed April 27, 2005. However, the Affidavits has not been signed and dated by the Applicant and therefore is ineffective. For the purpose of examination, the examiner treats the claimed invention as without the Affidavits as set forth in the instant Office action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Fischer et al. (US 6,659,355; hereinafter "Fischer").

Re claims 1-2, 5-6: Fischer teaches a chip card module for insertion into a card body (1 in fig. 1), the chip card module comprising:

a chip card keypad (4 in fig. 1);

at least one additional component (electronic components); and

an intermediate carrier (8 in figs. 2-3 having strip conductors by metallic contact surfaces

7, which serves as conductor track structure (as set forth in claims 2 and 6), to connect the chip

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module 2, the display 3 and the keypad 4; see col. 2, lines 10-14) forming a functional component of the keypad and serving as a carrier for the additional component;

the keypad being accessible from outside of the module and from outside of the card body (see figs. 1-3; and col. 1, line 65 through col. 4, line 6).

Re claims 3 and 7: Fischer teaches a chip card module, wherein the keypad has a covering sheet (12, 14 in figs. 2-3) disposed at a surface of the card body and a switch sheet (7, 9 in fig. 2) contact-connected to the intermediate carrier (8 in figs. 2-3).

Re claims 4 and 8: Fischer teaches a chip card module, wherein the additional component is a chip module (2 in fig. 1).

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments filed April 27, 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. The examiner believes that Fischer still meets the claimed invention.

Conclusion

Examiner's note: Examiner has cited particular columns and line numbers in the references as applied to the claims above for the convenience of the applicant. Although the specified citations are representative of the teachings of the art and are applied to the specific limitations within the individual claim, other passages and figures may apply as well. It is respectfully requested from the applicant in preparing responses, to fully consider the references in entirety as potentially teaching all or part of the claimed invention, as well as the context of the passage as taught by the prior art or disclosed by the examiner.

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Fannasch (US 6,783,077) teaches a conducting track supporting layer for laminating inside a chip card including at least one conductor track and connecting areas that are connected to the conductor track.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kimberly D. Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-2402. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:30-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Lee can be reached on 571-272-2398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kimberly D. Nguyen', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

KDN
May 13, 2005